

Mantle Is Adamant

DALLAS, March 5 (AP)—A miffed Mickey Mantle, pride injured and pocketbook threatened, bombed back at his New York Yankee bosses here last night in his holdout war.

"This is the year Mantle must learn the facts of life," General Manager George Weiss had said earlier in St. Petersburg, Fla. "He must learn he can't bulldoze us into meeting his terms. He must come in and talk everything over reasonably."

Mantle, shown the Weiss statement, exploded. "I don't know what he means by bulldozing, but I'll tell you this. I'm not trying to bulldoze anyone. I'm not trying to bluff them, either.

"I will say it again. I am not contacting them. Why should I go down there and meet them? If there fas a good reason to go, I would go, but they know they can sign me by simply phoning me.

"I wrote a nice letter when they sent me that contract back in January and told them what I'd sign for. I didn't hear from them for a month. Now, they say it's important. It seems to me it was important then, too."